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#### **TESTIMONY**

In support of:

## HB 6250 AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND THE PREVAILING WAGE STANDARD

Labor and Public Employees Committee

February 24, 2015

Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang, Representative Rutigliano and distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee

I would like to thank you for allowing this public hearing and especially this opportunity to discuss HB 6250. I am Rep. Mike Bocchino and I represent the 150<sup>th</sup> district which encompasses the shoreline of Greenwich, CT.

Many of the municipal projects in our community have been blessed with support from private funding. If it were not for the public private partnerships that our town leaders have fostered, many of these worthy and sometimes critical projects would never be considered.

In these times of economic trouble it is very difficult for municipalities to invest in many local projects. However, there are still people out there willing donate to causes that will help their towns and communities.

I fear that if the prevailing wage were a factor in these private contributions the consideration of many of these much needed donations would be adversely affected. As we the legislature in the State of CT begin to address our troubled economy and balance our budget, let us help to encourage private donations that will have such positive results for each and every one of our communities and municipalities.

# I strongly support **HB 6250**, AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND THE PREVAILING WAGE STANDARD

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposed bill.

Best regards,

Mike Bocchino

State Representative